West Bengal. However, Additional Central Assistance has not been provided for the project. Central Plan Assistance is given in the form of block loans and block grants and not tied to any specific project.

Pakistan's Response to India's no-first use Treaty

*429. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that while India has been talking of a moratorium on further N-tests, non-agression pact and a no-first use treaty, Pakistan, according to a US-intelligence assessment, is as good as ready to be first to use N-weapons in case of a war; and

(b) if so, whether talks with Pakistan bilateral or multilateral, have taken place on these and other related issues and what is Pakistan's response on these issues?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) On 27th May 1998, Government reiterated its offer to discuss a "no-first-use" agreement with Pakistan as also with other countries bilaterally, or in a multilateral forum. Pakistan has reacted negatively to our proposal. The Prime Ministers of India and Pakistan are scheduled to meet at Colombo later this month during the SAARC Summit, when all issues of mutual concern could be discussed.

Parliamentary Delegation to Foreign Countries

*430. SARDAR GURCHARAN SINGH TOHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to send a delegation of Members of Parliament belonging to all political parties to foreign countries to apprise the world community of India's point of view in view of post-nuclear tests scenario; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) Government is actively pursuing a continuous dialogue with key interlocutors as part of our efforts to promote understanding of our concerns and discuss measures announced after the tests. As and when required, Government may consider various proposals in this regard, including the possibility of sending all-party parliamentary delegations.

Setting up of agro-processing industry

*431. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to setup agro-processing industry in every State;

(b) if so, the number of agro-processing units proposed to be setup in Orissa in the Ninth Five Year Plan; and

(c) the number of such units setup in the country, State-wise, and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) No, Sir. Ministry of Food Processing Industries do not set up any food processing units directly in any State. However, under the Plan Schemes of the Ministry of Food Processing Industries, financial assistance in the form of very soft loan and grant is provided to cooperatives, non-governmental organisations, public sector undertakings, private sector industries, research and development and human resources development institutions etc. for development of processed food sectors anywhere in the country.

(b) The schemes being operated by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries are project specific and not State specific. Provision of financial assistance for any